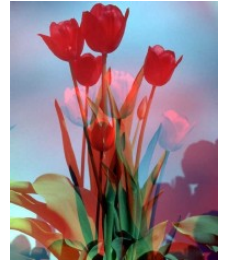


Moving Houseplants

Houseplants are a special concern, and before taking a plant consider:

- 1) whether it will even fit in your new home and
- 2) whether or not it might just be cheaper to replace the plant with another when you get where you're going.

If you decide to take plants along with you, follow these guidelines:



Four Weeks before you move

- Check with U.S. Department of Agriculture for any restrictions that might apply. Some states severely restrict the entry of certain plants.
- Prune the plants to facilitate packing.

One Week before moving

- Place the plants in black plastic bags, each with a pest/bug strip. Seal the bag and place in a cool area overnight. This will kill any pests the plant may be harboring.

The Day before moving

- Place the plants in cardboard boxes or containers. Stuff crumpled newspaper between the containers to hold them in place. If necessary, use paper to cushion the leaves.
- Place a layer of wet paper over the plants to keep them moist.
- Close the boxes and punch air holes in the tops.
- Mark all boxes DO NOT LOAD to prevent them from being loaded indiscriminately among other items on the truck.

On Moving Day

- Load plants into your car. During the trip, try to park in shaded areas if the weather is hot, and in sunny areas if the weather is cold.



Upon Arrival

- Unpack plants as soon as possible
- For the first few days avoid exposure to the sun

